

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		Attorney Docket No. <b>2553-1010</b> U.S. Application No. <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">10/541398</div>
<b>INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.</b> <b>PCT/EP2004/000508</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE</b> <b>January 22, 2004</b>	<b>PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED</b> <b>February 19, 2003</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION: STAR-SHAPED CONVEYOR FOR FEEDING OR DISCHARGING EMPTY PLASTICS CONTAINERS OR BOTTLES TO OR FROM A MACHINE AND ORIENTING AND ALGINING MACHINE HAVING SAID STAR-SHAPED CONVEYOR</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Lino LANFRANCHI</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). ))</li> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s)).</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Itemized Return Receipt Postcard</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b)           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed Power of Attorney</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> </ol> </li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</li> <li>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b><u>International Search Report Form PCT/ISA/210, Form PCT/IB/306, Form PCT/IB/311 and Abstract</u></b></li> </ol>		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE</b></p>				<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>	
<u>Fee Description</u>					
Basic National Stage Fee				\$150.00	
Non ISA/US Search Provided      National Stage Search Fee				\$200.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> US was the IPEA And all claims satisfied the provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)      National Stage Examination Fee				\$100.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617)				\$130.00	
<b>National Stage Application</b> size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100  Fee Code 1681/2681		<b>Additional Sheets</b> 15 - 100 =      0      =      0 X <div style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black; width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;">50</div>		<b>Fee From Below</b> <b>\$125.00</b>	\$0.00
<b>CLAIMS</b>		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Independent Claims Fee Codes 1614 / 2614		2 - 3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$0.00
Total Claims Fee Codes 1615 / 2615		6 - 20 =	0	x \$25.00	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Fee Code 1616 / 2616				+ \$360.00	\$0.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Fee Code 1618					\$0.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021) \$40.00 per property				+	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>				<b>=</b>	<b>\$ 620.00</b>
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				Charged:	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$ 620.00</b> to cover the above fees is attached.  <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: YOUNG & THOMPSON 745 South 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street Arlington, VA 22202 Telephone: (703) 521-2297 Facsimile: (703) 685-0573  Y&T Customer No. <b>00466</b> BC/gw			<div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;">Benoit Castel</div> SIGNATURE  Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041 NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER  July 1, 2005 DATE		